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SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDS ON HISTORY OF GRADUATION SUCCESS, WITH 99 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE

A decade since its first graduating class, Summit celebrates college-bound rates above 90 percent at all of its schools

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. -- Ten years since its first graduating class, Summit Public Schools (Summit) announced today that 99 percent of seniors graduating across its five Bay Area high schools were accepted to at least one four-year college. Summit seniors have been accepted to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country, including Duke University, Carnegie Mellon, The Juilliard School, Rice University, New York University, UCLA and UC Berkeley.

“Our commitment to our students is that we will empower them to live purposeful lives,” said Summit Chief of Schools Andrew Goldin. “We’re so proud to see a record number of our students heading to college, where they will enrich the skills and values they’ve developed at Summit as they continue down the path of creating those lives.”

A History of College-Ready Students

Since 2007, more than 1,400 students have graduated from a Summit school. Once enrolled in college, Summit alumni are twice as likely to complete college than their peers. Another notable fact is that over 10 alumni currently work for Summit.

Creating a College-Going Culture

Summit's innovative personalized learning model allows students to engage in deeper learning projects and become self-directed learners, helping them to develop the habits and skills that lead to academic and personal success, including college acceptance.

This year, Summit Shasta in Daly City will celebrate its first graduating class. A full 100 percent of the inaugural class were accepted to four-year colleges and universities. An average of 98 percent of seniors at both of Summit's San Jose-based high schools, Summit Rainier and Summit Tahoma, were accepted to at least one four-year college. Summit Prep and Summit Everest, both of which are located in nearby Redwood City, will send 100 percent of their seniors to college. Ninety percent of graduates across all Summit schools plan to attend a two- or four-year college this fall. Three of those schools -- Rainier, Tahoma and Summit Prep -- were recently included among "[America's Most Challenging High Schools](#)" by [The Washington Post](#).

Teaching Habits of Success

Many Summit students overcame major obstacles to reach this point. Thirty-five percent of Summit's graduating seniors will be the first in their family to attend college. The majority of Summit students who were accepted into a four-year college also began ninth grade at a Summit school. For example, Willy Teav, a member of the class of 2017, will graduate from Summit Rainier. The soon-to-be first generation college student plans to major in aerospace engineering at UCLA. Teav says Summit helped him develop the confidence to take "calculated risks."

"Summit has really given me the space to grow as a person and as a scholar," said Teav. "The project-based curriculum helped me become more of an analytical thinker who can wiggle through challenging questions rather than somebody who relies solely on memorizing facts or formulas."

About Summit Public Schools

Summit Public Schools is a leading charter management organization serving diverse communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington State. Summit operates nine schools enrolling approximately 2,000 students. Its mission is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to not only attend, but succeed in, a four-year college or university. Summit's schools consistently rank among the best in California and the nation. To date, 96 percent of Summit students have been accepted to one or more four-year colleges, and its graduates are completing college at double the national average. For more information, visit <http://www.summitps.org>.

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